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NR 746 ADOPTED BY NRB

On September 27 the Natural Resources Board (NRB) adopted chapter NR 746 and conforming changes to chs. NR 700, 716, 720, 722 and 726 as permanent rules. These rules are expected to become effective sometime early in 2001, after legislative review and publication. The permanent rule package incorporates changes made due to comments that were received during a public comment period and three public hearings that took place in June and July 2000. The comments made to the rule and the permanent rule can be found at:

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm. In addition, the green sheet package was amended at the NRB meeting to revise NR 720.11. Those changes can be found in sections 13A and 13B of the permanent rule order. Emergency rule NR 746 and the related emergency rule NR 700 series changes remain in effect at the present time, and the emergency rules are likely to be extended until publication of the permanent rule package. The current emergency rule is also on DNR's web site under the "Regulations" button.

MILWAUKEE OFFERS NEW SITE ASSESSMENT GRANTS

The Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has announced a new grant program for sites in the City of Milwaukee. Site Assessment Matching Grants can be used for Phase II site assessments, remedial action plans, risk assessments, confirmatory sampling, or fees required for DNR review. Eligibility requirements include: applicants must own or intend to buy a property with environmental concerns; the property must be located in the City of Milwaukee; an ASTM Phase I environmental assessment must have been completed prior to applying for the grant; redevelopment must be proposed for the site; and applicants must demonstrate ability to provide 50% of the eligible projects costs. For more information, a complete list of eligibility requirements, or a copy of the application, please visit the MEDC web site at <http://www.mkedcd.org/brownfields/> or contact Beverly Craig with the MEDC at (414) 286-5642.

MILWAUKEE DESIGNATED EPA BROWNFIELDS SHOWCASE COMMUNITY

EPA has designated 12 brownfields showcase communities, including Milwaukee, a federal Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community. Milwaukee is targeting redevelopment of mothballed privately owned idled brownfields properties in the Menomonee Valley, using WI statutes that strengthen cities' bargaining power in negotiations with private property owners. More information on brownfields showcase communities is available on EPA's web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/showcase.htm>
and <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/html-doc/showfact.htm>, or contact EPA Outreach and Special Projects Staff at (202) 260-4039.

NEW ON THE WEB

See the RR Program's September issue of "ReNews", our quarterly newsletter, on our web site at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR656.pdf> This issue features articles on the Inryco, Babcock & Wilcox site, brownfield site assessment grants, the brownfields study group, the dry cleaner environmental response program and more.

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